



Iberia Parish Mosquito Abatement District

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MINUTES OF THE IBERIA PARISH MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MARCH 12, 2024 6:00 PM AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATED 611 OLD CENTRAL TAXIWAY, NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA 70560

Call to Order – Vice Chairman, Mr. Willie Polite, called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Roll Call – The Chairman requested the roll be taken. The following were present: Mr. Willie Polite, Dr. Christopher Dupuy, Ms. Latifah Gray and Mr. Jay Leger.

The following were absent: Mr. John Simmons and Dr. Timothy Viator.

It was noted that a quorum was present. Others in attendance: Herff Jones, Executive Director and Ms. Adrienne Camacho, Administrative Secretary.

Persons to address the Board – None.

Public Comments – None.

Approval of Minutes – the Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Leger motioned that the minutes be adopted and entered into the record. Dr. Dupuy second the motion. The motioned carried unanimously.

Director's Report

8D Summary – Mr. Jones stated that most of our operations in January and February were responding to individual spray requests that were called in by citizens. Mr. Jones also stated that on March 1st, 2024 we started our routine regular ground spraying with our spray trucks in response to an obvious mosquito population boom that we typically do not have at this time of year but, he did state that we are always prepared to move things forward and start our spraying when it is appropriate. He also mentioned that we did start our aerial spraying in areas that are in need of this service and, we are also continuing with our larvicide program.

Budget Report – Mr. Jones stated that our expenses are related to diurnal office and administrative overhead as well as operations, spray systems maintenance repairs. He also stated that there are no outstanding expenditures and our bids for chemicals start are prepared at the end of the first quarter for second quarter advertising for responses. Mr. Jones stated this rationale ensures stabilized pricing for the most active part of the spray season, particularly if we are faced with extreme tropical events. Additionally in conjunction with the 2nd quarter of the year will be the preparation of acquisition packages for proposed vehicles and UAS drone platforms.

Re-cap of the 90th AMCA Dallas – Mr. Jones spoke to the board members about the successful attendance that was had at the AMCA 90th Annual Meeting in Dallas, Tx. He also mentioned that our Assistant Director Renee Pellerin and our Biologist David Martin were in attendance at this meeting. The importance of these meetings can not be understated; connections to vendors, technology updates, disease surveillance updates, operational insights and the many presentations on applied research related to the products and techniques we use to combat mosquito populations. He also said that they did have downtime to visit other areas of Dallas while they were there; JFK and Parrot museums, Daly square.

Action Items for the Board's Consideration – None.

Announcements – Mr. Jones informed the Board that he will be presenting at the Arbovirus Surveillance & Mosquito Control Workshop in St. Augustine, FL March 26th thru March 28th, 2024. He will be speaking about the element and qualities of the Iberia Parish Mosquito Abatement District.

Adjourn – The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn: Ms. Gray motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Dupuy second the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Submitted by Herff MP. Jones
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